



Climate Change Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Date: 05/17/11

Start Time: 02:00

End Time: 03:30

Meeting Method: Conference call with presentation sharing (Go-To-Meeting)

Participation: Eric Kingma (Chair), Micki Ream, Marnie Meyer, Paul Wong, Joe Paulin, Jean Souza, Jonathan Martinez

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- Attendance and membership
 - Jen Barrett, Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) Honolulu County alternate resigned as a Working Group (WG) member due to work commitments
 - New Members and Public Participation
 - WG membership is currently limited to SAC members, but given group's small size, perhaps should consider other members.
 - If non SAC member interest is expressed, WG agreed that to consider additional WG members by evaluating a potential member's value to the WG
 - WG agreed to add a member from Kuleana Kuikahi and Scott Keifer, as both expressed interest in the working group.
- Process for Technical Expert Consultation
 - Draft a list of questions tailored to each technical expert to be asked via email
 - Responses become a resource when developing recommendations
 - Question of scope for information gathering: want experts to synthesize available information and research and make it relevant to humpback whales, and Hawaiian archipelagic ecosystem.
 - Need to ask HIHWNMS research coordinator David Mattila if there are specific studies on climate change impacts to humpback whales
- Update on ORMP (State of Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan) Climate Change
 - State has recognized that there is no statewide policy on climate change; an adaptation planning framework was created in 2009 to outline what the planning process would look like. Will convene agency directors at August workshop; release a draft climate change policy in late November.
 - Climate Change Initiatives in Hawaii spreadsheet is for developing a comprehensive list of projects related to climate change in Hawaii. Use this to determine what has been done and where the gaps are, such as which risk and vulnerability assessments are being conducted and which ones have yet to be addressed.



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- Lots of assessments/ modeling going on, maybe useful to our process. Downscaling projects take global data, and refine to give regional information.
 - July ORMP meeting will be exclusively focused on Climate Change, because so much is going on around the topic.
- Public Comments
 - None
- Future Meeting Dates
 - Recommendations need to be finalized so working group chair can present to the full council September 14-15th
 - June 9, 2011 (10-11:30am), July 8 (10-11:30am) –
 - Intersessionally, the Chair will email technical experts and send out responses to working group members. If there is a need to dig deeper, another call will be scheduled.

Action Items

- Information gathering
 - Humpback Whales and climate change
- Questions for technical experts
- Chair to follow up with interested parties to extend membership invitation

Next meeting: 06/09/11 at 10:00AM